**Status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the Third and Ninth Reports of the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development**

**ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री (श्री रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह) :** उपसभापति महोदय, मैं आप की अनुमति से विभाग संबंधत ग्रामीण विकास संबंधी संसदीय स्थायी समिति के तीसरे और नौवें प्रतिवेदनों में अंतर्विष्ट सिफारिशों के कार्यान्वयन की स्थिति के सबंधं में एक वक्तव्य सभा-पटल पर रखता हूं ।

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**The Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2005**

SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I support this Bill which is timely placed before the Parliament on the basis of Justice Ahmedi recommendations. Sir, India has got the prestige of winning election for the Human Rights Council at the international-level, which is newly constituted, after having the experience of international Human Rights Commission for the past sixty years. India has got the highest votes; out of the 119 countries voted, India has got 173 in the Asian region. Therefore, it shows that India has protected; and is also promoting the human rights with all the recognition of the international community. Because, during the election period, many of the NGOs and reputed organisations put forth on their websites how much every country has protected and also promoted the human rights. Human Rights Watch, which has launched its website analysing the candidates' human rights records had urged the member-States not to vote for certain countries. But, at the same time, they analysed the way every country has promoted and -protected the human rights in their own countries. India has got the reputation of not in the 'not-to-vote countries', which are, unfortunately, Azerbaijan, China, Cuba, Iran, Pakistan, Russia and Saudi Arabia, listed on the 'not-to-vote countries' list.

India has been appreciated in all respects and is regarded as a nation where human rights are protected and promoted more. Sir, with this reputation, we have made even to the Founder State of the Human Rights Commission, as early as 1946 as one of the countries together with 58 other Founder States. India has brought all the declaration of human rights as part of the fundamental rights of our Constitution and also in the Directive Principles of the State Policy. Therefore, India has been a reputed country throughout the world in bringing all declarations as part of its Constitution.